

Form DS-157 Instructions

All visa applicants in Ottawa, over age 15, must bring a completed DS-157 to the interview in addition to the completed DS-156. Please complete the form on the computer, then print-out the form, and bring the completed copy to your interview.

Box 1: Enter your last name(s) as it appears on your passport.

Box 2: Enter your first name(s) as it appears on your passport.

Box 3: Handwrite your full name (first and last) in your native alphabet (i.e. Arabic, Chinese characters, Tamil, Gujarati, etc.)

Box 4: Enter the name of your clan or tribe if applicable.

Box 5: Enter your spouse's full name if applicable.

Box 6: Enter your father's full name.

Box 7: Enter your mother's full name.

Box 8: Enter the full name and address including the telephone number of the person or organization that will be your point of contact in the United States.

Box 9: List all of the countries that you have visited in the last ten years and also list the year that you visited each of those countries. Please include Canada and the United States. Example: "United Kindom-2004, Tanzania-2007, Canada-2007 and 2009" or "USA: 2007 and Brazil: 2004"

Box 10: List all of the countries which have issued you a passport. This applies only to dual nationals or Canadian protected persons.

Box 11: State whether you have ever lost a passport or had a passport stolen from you.

Box 12: List the name and address including telephone number of your last two employers, **not** including your current employer. Also include your job title, your supervisor's name, and the dates you were employed at the company in mm-dd-yyyy format (example: August 13, 2009 as 08-13-2009).

Box 13: List all professional, social, and charitable organizations to which you currently or have in the past belonged to, contributed to, or worked. Example: "The Red Cross" or "Lions Club"

Box 14: State whether you have any special skills or training including firearms, explosives, nuclear, biological or chemical. If yes, provide an explanation.

Box 15: State whether you have ever performed military service. If yes, name the country you served, the branch of service (i.e. Army, Navy, etc), your rank or position, your area of specialty, and the dates when you served.

Box 16: State whether you have been involved in an armed conflict, either as a participant or a victim. If you answer yes, provide an explanation.

Box 17: List **all** educational institutions that you have attended or currently attend (do not include elementary/primary schools). Include language study programs and technical schools, if applicable. **It is very important that you provide the name of the school, the city and country where the school is located, the subject you studied, and the dates (at least the years) you attended the school.**

Box 18: State if you have made any specific travel arrangements for your trip to the U.S. If so, then provide a **complete** itinerary including flight information, all locations, and points of contact at each location.